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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992,  
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documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be  
material to the examination of this application. Copies of the  
references are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The family of JP 10-294280 cited herein includes:

U.S. Patent No. 6,140,667  
U.S. Patent No. 6,160,271

The family of JP 11-345767 cited herein includes:

U.S. Patent No. 6,087,679

The family of JP 11-354442 cited herein includes:

U.S. Patent No. 6,307,214

Other applications related to the present invention include:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/244,760 (pending)  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/385,019 (pending)

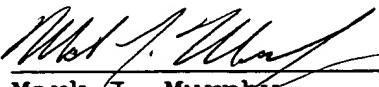
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